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Manager's Newsletter

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Happy 107th Anniversary to man's first flight on December 17, 2010!**Trash Schedule for December 17-Jan. 3, 2011****RESIDENTIAL**

Monday, December 20th
Wednesday, December 22nd
Monday, December 27th
Wednesday, December 29th
Monday, January 3rd (resume regular schedule)

COMMERCIAL

Monday, December 20th
Wednesday, December 22nd
Monday, December 27th
Thursday, December 30th

Recycling Center Schedule for the Week of December 19-25

Due to the Christmas Holidays, the Recycling Center will run the following schedule:

Sunday, December 19th	Closed
Monday, December 20th	Open: 8 AM to 3 PM
Tuesday, December 21st	Open: 8 AM to 3 PM
Wednesday, December 22nd	Closed
Thursday, December 23rd	Open: 8 AM to 3 PM
Friday, December 24th	Closed
Saturday, December 25th	Closed

The recycling center will also be closed on New Years' Day, Saturday, January 1st, 2011

Code Enforcement Report for November

	A	B	C
1			November-10
2		Number	Notes
3			
4	CODE VIOLATIONS		
5	Notice of Violations Issued	1	
6	Civil Citations Issued		
7	Land Disturbance Activity		
8	Public Nuisance		
9	Abandon/Junk Vehicles		
10	Right of Way Encroachments	2	
11	Lighting Violations		
12	Site Plan Violations	3	
13	No Building Permit		
14	Home Occupations	1	
15	Signs	10	
16	Noise Violations		
17	TOTALS	17	
18			
19	CAMA PERMITS		
20	Minor Permits	2	
21	Exemption Letters	4	
22	Beach Push Permits	10	

23	CAMA Violations Issued		
24	TOTALS	16	
25			
26	BANNER PERMITS		
27	TOTALS	4	
28			
29	OUTDOOR GATHERING PERMITS		
30	TOTALS		
31			
32	FIRE INSPECTIONS		
33	Assembly	2	0 Violations
34	Business	8	11 Violations
35	Mercantile	9	24 Violations
36	Educational	1	3 Violations
37	Residential	2	0 Violations
38	Industrial		
39	Manufacturing		
40	Hood System		
41	Storage		
42	Sprinkler Systems		
43	Re-inspections		
44	First	6	10 Violations Corrected 2 Violations Not Corrected
45	Second	2	2 Violations Corrected
46	Third		
47	TOTALS	30	
48			
49	Pre-Plans	22	

Dominion Routine Vegetation Maintenance Cycle

(The following information provided by Michael Thompson with Dominion NC Power)

The corridor that Dominion will be working is referred to as the Kitty Hawk-Kill Devil Hills-Nags Head-National Park Service (NPS)-Oregon Inlet Corridor. Dominion plans to begin this project in late December 2010 and continue working through the spring.

The work Dominion will be performing through a tree contractor is part of our routine vegetation maintenance program which is on a 3-yr cycle with a 1-yr grace period, which we are now in. There may have been or will be other vegetation work conducted along our corridors that is off cycle of this maintenance schedule.

The lines we are clearing beneath and beside are 115kV transmission lines. So we may meet our clearance requirements, Dominion will need to address vegetation with a minimum of 20 feet of clearance at the maximum sag and sway of the conductors. Please refer to the website links below for the Dominion Tree Trimming and Vegetation Management Program and National Electric Reliability Council Standard Practices.

Any hazard trees along the corridor will also receive our attention. Typically, this means Dominion will need to laterally trim trees along the side of the transmission line right-of-way and trees under the lines either will be trimmed or removed based on a variety of factors including species, site conditions, tree health and aesthetics to name a few.

Dominion also will address brush that exists along the corridor either through mowing or hand cutting depending on the density and site conditions. In most cases Dominion will apply a chemical treatment to the stumps of hardwoods removed and cut vines to prevent/retard future growth. All debris either is removed from the site in residential areas and cut into small pieces or mulched with the mower on more rural rights-of-way.

Dominion provides door card notification to affected properties a minimum of 24-48 hours in advance. The card has a brief description of the work required and contact information for additional questions or concerns.

<http://www.dom.com/dominion-north-carolina-power/customer-service/your-service/tree-trimming.jsp>

<http://www.nerc.com/files/FAC-003-1.pdf>

Planning Board Meeting Summary From the December 9, 2010 Meeting

At its meeting on December 9th, the Kitty Hawk Planning Board dealt with a number of interesting items. The Board's first order of business was to review a conditional use permit application to establish a commercial crabbing operation to be run by a local family at 3860 Moor Shore Road. The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request, citing the importance of maintaining traditional local businesses and the consistency of the project with the Town's land use plan.

Next, the Board members reviewed a new development proposal for the former Foreman's Lumber property at 4100 N. Croatan Highway. The applicant requested approval of a conditional use permit to establish a variety of retail uses in the existing building and a large open air farm market under two of the former shed buildings to the rear of the site. The Board members and applicant discussed concerns about the proposed hours of operation, number of vendors, parking, internal traffic circulation, dumpster location, outdoor displays/storage, buffering against residential uses at the rear of the property, and septic permit. The Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of this request with a number of corrections and additional information added to the site plan prior to consideration by Kitty Hawk Town Council.

The Planning Board's final item was the consideration of an ordinance to establish standards for approval of small wind energy facilities (under 35 feet in height). At its meeting on December 6th, the Town Council denied an applicant's proposal for a similar ordinance, citing three concerns:

1. Preference that all wind turbines a conditional use permit process, with each proposal being reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
2. Preference that only one wind turbine be permitted on any property.
3. Concern about potential noise issues arising from the operation of wind turbines.

The Council members asked the Planning Director to prepare an amended ordinance addressing these issues for consideration by the Planning Board.

The Planning Board noted that noise issues would be addressed by a requirement that the wind turbine has to comply with the Town's noise ordinance. The Board members agreed that requiring a conditional use permit for all wind turbines would be a good way of reviewing applications until the impacts of the technology are better understood. However, the Board members stated that they did not see a need to limit the number of small wind turbines on a property as long as each proposal is being reviewed on a case-by-case basis, noting that multiple turbines could be appropriate in certain situations. The ordinance was unanimously forwarded to the Town Council with these recommendations.

Expansion of Channel 20

Dare County is expanding their programming on Channel 20 and is asking for input from the Towns it services. Should residents and property owners have ideas that they would like to see considered by the County, please send your ideas to the Town Manager, John Stockton at jstockton@kittyhawktown.net

Residents and/or property owners may be interested in seeing information on the History of Kitty Hawk or other information that affects resident's living in Kitty Hawk on a day to day basis.

Reminder To All Leaving Town For The Holidays

If you are planning to leave town for the holidays, please be sure to call the Police Department to be placed on our Residence Check List. While you are gone, your residence will be checked twice a day to make sure everything is secure. All you have to do is to stop by or call the Police Department and provide a small amount of information and you will be set. You can reach the Police Department at 261-3895.

Town Offices Closed

The Town of Kitty Hawk Administrative Offices will be CLOSED on Friday, December 24th through Monday, December 27th, 2010 for our staff to enjoy the Christmas holidays with their families.

Well will also be CLOSED on January 3rd as the town's New Years' holiday.

Police Department Activities for November 2010:

Calls for Service: 783
Criminal Investigations Initiated: 19
Traffic Accidents Investigated: 9
Residence Checks: 152
Business Checks: 300
Foot Patrol: 96
Request for Mutual Aid from other Departments: 4
Citations Issued: 135
Warnings Issued: 107
Arrests: 18

Kitty Hawk Fire Department November 2010

During the month of November 2010, there were 30 calls for emergency service. The breakdown is as follows:

Accident, potential accident, other	1
Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid	2
Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
Good intent call	1
Medical calls	19
Motor vehicle accidents	3
Vehicle accident with no injuries – 2	
Vehicle accident, general cleanup - 1	
Power line down	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional	1

KNOX-BOX RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

The Kitty Hawk Fire Department along with Knox Company is offering a Residential Knox-Box (key box) program for the citizens of Kitty Hawk. When a medical emergency strikes, help is only a call away. However, for those who live by themselves or who have special mobility issues, what happens when they can't get to the door to let first responders in?

The Knox-Box Residential Program is ideal for individuals:

- With a history of medical problems
- Recuperating from a hospital stay
- Living alone
- Using an electronic calling/medical alert service
- Seasonal residents

The Knox-Box Residential Program enhances the Fire Department's response times. A residential Knox-Box not only allows fire department personnel to enter a home unassisted, it also prevents forced entry damage and added stress to the patient.

The Kitty Hawk Fire Department and many of the businesses in Kitty Hawk have been using this program for many years now. There has never been a problem associated with its use and has saved many hundreds of dollars in damages associated with entry into locked businesses.

If you or someone you know may need assistance from emergency services and has a mobility problem, then this program may be your answer. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Fire Chief Lowell Spivey (252-261-2666) for information on how the Kitty Hawk Fire Department may be of assistance.

November Building Permits Report

The Town's Planning and Inspections Department issued thirty-three (33) building permits totaling \$1,044,868.90 in November 2010. Two (2) commercial permits were issued valued at \$170,200. Thirty-one (31) residential building permits were issued valued at \$874,668.90. The full report for November can be viewed at the [Monthly Building Permit Report](#) found on the Town Website.

Meetings and Such

Town Council Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board

Thursday, January 20, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

Planning Board Submissions

Tuesday, December 21, 2010 for January 20, 2011 meeting

NOTE: New Schedule for Planning Board Meetings for 2011

The Planning Board will be meeting on the Thursday one week after the Council Meetings for 2011.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)